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SUBJECT: SHOOTING INCIDENT AT CARREFOUR APRIL 20

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1031 (212037Z APR 76)

1. IN RESPONSE TO DEFENSE ATTACHE'S PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON INCIDENT REPORTED REFTTEL, LTG JEAN-BAPTISTE HILAIRE, CHIEF OF STAFF OF HAIRIAN ARMED FORCES, GAVE TO DATT ON APRIL 23 A VERBAL EXPLANATION WHICH MARKEDLY PLAYED DOWN DIMENSIONS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF INCIDENT AND LEFT A GOOD MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.

2. ACCORDING TO HILAIRE, ONLY TWO HAITIANS WERE INVOLVED (HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM) AND NO DEATHS OCCURRED. "GOVERNMENT AGENTS" HAD SURPRISED THE TWO MEN IN POSSESSION OF A "SMALL" ARMS CACHE. AFTER EXCHANGE OF FIRE, THE TWO MEN MANAGED TO COMMANDEER A SNEM JEEP AND ESCAPE IN IT. AS OF MID-FRIDAY, THERE WERE STILL AT LARGE. HILAIRE ASSUMED THEY WERE HIDING OUT IN PORT-AU-PRINCE (WHERE CONCEALMENT IS EASIER THAN IN SMALLER COMMUNITIES) AND WAS CONFIDENT THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE CAPTURED.

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3. REPLYING TO DATT'S QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR APPARENT INTENTIONS,
HILAIRE SAID ONLY THAT THE MEN WERE BELIEVED TO BE EITHER
"MARXIST-LENINISTS" OR "INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS". HE
SUPPOSED THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN INFLUNCED BY "LATENT"
SUBERSIVE ELEMNTS WITHIN HAITI, BUT MADE NO SUGGESTION
THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN PART OF A LARGER ORGANIZED CONSPIRACY
BEN ON OVERTHROWING THE REGIME. HILAIRE STATED THERE WAS NO
EVIDENCE, SO FAR, THAT THE TWO MEN HAD ANY CONNECTIONS ABROAD.
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